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IGNORANCE IS BLISS?

Good morning everyone, ♪
The sky, the clouds, the puddles too, ♪
Everyone, good morning.
Open your eyes with a flash and rise and shine. ♪
Our brand new day is about to begin. ♪
HMM? WHAT'S UP, SENRI?
STUNNED BY MY SINGING?

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TETSUNAGI # 17

NUH-UH
HONEST, AREN'T YOU...?
THAT SONG JUST NOW WAS PRETTY
SENRI WANTS TO SING TOO
AND I WANT TO HEAR YOUR SINGING"
HEY! WHAT SORT OF SONGS DO YOU KNOW?!
MEIH!
GE! MU!
NA!
O....
ONLY ONE...
MOM TAUGHT IT TO ME.

As the sun rises on Wakahisa mountain,
So does the heart in my chest grow ever brighter
SING! A SONG!
SING! A SONG!
EH!
GREAT!
C'MON I'M WAITING!
IT'S OUR TOWN'S SONG!
SUCH A BEAUTIFUL VOICE
SHE'S GOOD
AH
THIS SONG
Aahh~ In the shadow of Hayama..
Tomorrow's happiness is being grown.

Crossing over these mountain ranges...
Aaahh~ In the shadow of Hayama, Spread your radiance forevermore
Bring enlightenment to this town
The clear flows from Nishinegawa's northern mountain streams
EH?
THIS TOWN'S SONG IS ONLY SUPPOSED TO HAVE TWO VERSES...
... HM?
SENPAI! JUST NOW, A THIRD VERSE?
WAIT RIGHT THERE! I'M GETING THE NEIGHBORHOOD HEAD!

YEP!
OUR TOWN SONG HAS A PHANTOM THIRD VERSE?
SO...
O...OKAY!
HEY SENRI, START SINGING FROM "CROSSING OVER THESE MOUNTAIN RANGES" AGAIN
Crossing over these mountain ranges, I recieved a gift of light,
The small body I hold in my arms
Aaahh~ The village of a thousand, May you always stay healthy
!
EH!?
...I THINK SENRI-CHAN'S MOTHER WROTE THIS HERSELF...
.....THIS THIRD VERSE....

"The village of a thousand"
– Sen no Sat – = 千の里
千里 can also be read "Senri"
(lit. "A thousand ri" – one ri = 2.44 miles – or more simply, "A long distance")

IF YOU LIKE, I CAN TELL YOU MORE ABOUT WHAT THAT SONG MEANS LATER.
IT'S A GOOD SONG I CAN TELL HOW MUCH YOU MOTHER CARED FOR YOU WHEN SHE WROTE THAT.
STILL...
.....YEAH!
AH
.THER THERE'S MORE!
REALLY?
SO, WHAT DOES THIS ONE MEAN?
"SENRI-CHAN MADE THIS UP" I THINK
?

LET'S DO THIS!
ALL RIGHT!
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HUP! HO! HAA!
SHINO?
MORE CLEANING?
HM?
AH, NO, NOT THAT
TODAY'S THE MARATHON CARNIVAL
MAR-A-THON?
YEP, MARATHON!
LOTS AND LOTS OF RUNNING!

ARE YOU GOING TO WATCH, SENRI?
IS IT... FUN TO WATCH?
HMMMM... I WONDER...
?
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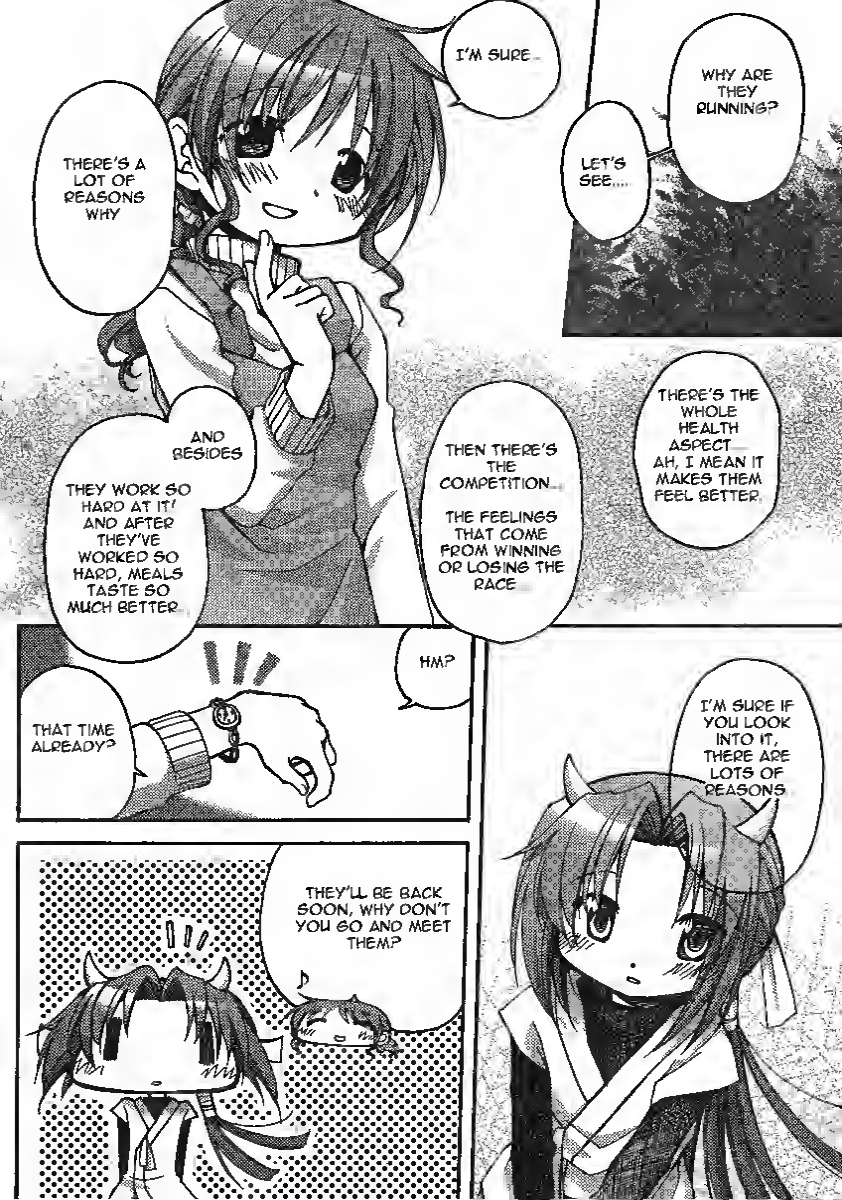
THEY LEFT...
SENRI-CHAN, COME OVER HERE ♪
MISO SOUP?
YEP, PORK MISO
YOU CAME TO WATCH, BUT...
ONCE THEY'RE OFF AND RUNNING OUTSIDE, IT'S JUST FREE TIME ISN'T IT?
YEAH
WHEN EVERYONE COMES BACK FROM RUNNING THEIR LEGS OFF,
WE'LL HAVE A LITTLE PRESENT FOR THEM
UM...
WHY ARE THEY RUNNING?


I'M SURE...
WHY ARE THEY RUNNING?
LET'S SEE....
THERE'S A LOT OF REASONS WHY
THERE'S THE WHOLE HEALTH ASPECT... AH, I MEAN IT MAKES THEM FEEL BETTER
AND BESIDES
THEY WORK SO HARD AT IT! AND AFTER THEY'VE WORKED SO HARD, MEALS TASTE SO MUCH BETTER
THEN THERE'S THE COMPETITION... THE FEELINGS THAT COME FROM WINNING OR LOSING THE RACE
HM?
THAT TIME ALREADY?
I'M SURE IF YOU LOOK INTO IT, THERE ARE LOTS OF REASONS
THEY'LL BE BACK SOON, WHY DON'T YOU GO AND MEET THEM?

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はっ、は。
.....
SHINO
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た。た。た。
た。
は。
はっ、は。
TRY
YOUR
BEST!
GO
FOR IT!
WORK
HARD!
...
SHINO
!!

GOAL!!

8TH PLACE, WELL I GUESS THAT'S NOT BAD
8TH PLACE INCLUDING THE BOYS, THAT'S GREAT!
MMM, THIS IS GREAT!
♪
THE MEAL AFTER TRYING SO HARD IS SO TASTY~!
OOH~ SENRI, YOUR CONTENTMENT IS OVERFLOWING!!
♪
BUT... SHE DIDN'T RUN...
THE JUSTICE OF HUNGER!

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鬼と山奥で暮らすことになってしまった人間の女の子・志乃の家で暮らすことになったけど、人間の暮らしは、とってもおもしろくて驚いたことでいっぱい！この物語はせんりと志乃、まわりの人たちが、そんな"変わったこと"を見つけるたびに、ずっといっしょにいたくて、少しずつ近づいていく、ほんわかのんびりなお話です。今回はせんりは、新しい「？」を見つけたみたい？

TOO FAST!
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SAY SENRI..?
NMMNN
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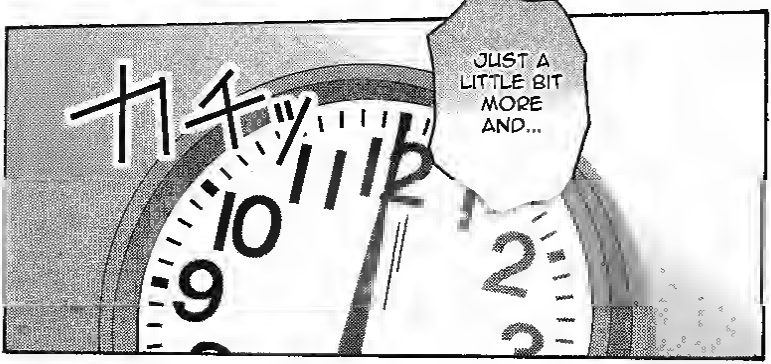
MNUH-?
SENRI! NOT YET, HANG IN THERE!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JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE AND...

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ん…
PWA?!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
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? ?
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALSO
ペコリ
A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU
♪

IT'S A BRAND NEW YEAR, SENRI!
LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER YEAR WITH YOU!
AHH~!
I'M GLAD I WAS ABLE TO SAY IT STRAIGHT AWAY.
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"I'LL TRY TO DO THIS IN THE NEW YEAR" SORT OF THING.
YOU KNOW, YOUR GOAL!
RESO..??
?
もぞぞ
SO... WHAT'S YOUR NEW YEARS RESOLUTION?
UMM...
WELL...
I'LL TRY..., TO GET TO SLEEP WITHOUT NEEDING TO HOLD YOUR HAND, SHINO.

FUBEH?!
NUOOOO~~!!!!
I THINK FEELING THE WARMTH OF ANOTHER PERSON IS A GREAT THING!
EVEN IF EVERYONE ELSE IS EMBARRESSED TO HOLD HANDS LIKE THAT!
SENRI! DOING THOSE SORT OF THINGS IS FINE!
SHINO
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もず
IF YOU LET GO OF MY HAND, I'D BE LONELY TOO...
SO, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT AT ALL

TAKE CARE OF ME THIS YEAR TOO, OKAY?
THEN, YOU CAN TAKE CARE OF MOM TOO!
AS ALWAYS, HOLDING HANDS BRINGS GOOD DREAMS.
YEAH
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME THIS YEAR AS WELL

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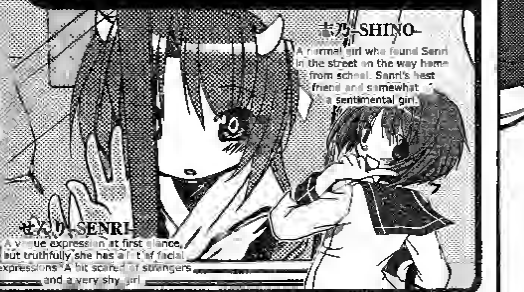
TETSUNAGI #20

TETSUNAGI KOONI SUMMARY

Senri lived with in the mountains with her Oni mother.
Upon descending to human habitation, she had a chance encounter with Shino, and they now live together.
This tale is about Senri, Shino, and the people around them, as they all slowly come to realize that it's not a case of "We're different". A young, carefree story.

What sort of new experience will Senri have today?


#乃 SHINO
A normal girl who found Senri in the street on the way home from school. Senri's best friend and somewhat a sentimental girl.
#ゐ SENRI
A virtue expression at first glance, but truthfully she has a lot of facial expressions. A bit scared of strangers and a very shy girl.

CONTINUES NOW!

ON A SNOWY MORN-ING...
WITH A SHOVEL AND GOOD FRIENDS... ♪
PHEW~! THAT WAS TIRING
WE'LL MAKE A NICE STYLISH SMILE FOR ALL TO SEE! ♪
AND WE FINISHED THE SNOW SHOVELLING TOO! TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!
STICK SOME HORNS ON HERE...
THAT'S GREAT SHINO!
I KNOW!

GOOD MORNING.
WHAT WAS THAT FOR?
A SHOVEL AND GOOD FRIENDS
WHAT ?
FROM SHINO'S SONG
SONG ?
SENRI WILL MAKE A FACE TOO
OH?
SHOULDN'T YOU SPLIT THEM UP?
MOM AND KID.

SENRI! YOU DON'T HAVE GLOVES ON!!
ばっ
EH ?
YOU'RE FREEZ-ING!
はぁ

はあ
WARM
SHINO'S TURN
もお
...SENRI? YOU HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING STRANGE LATELY, HAVE YOU?
EH?
AH.....

ドラゴンエイジにつづく
☆6月号(5月9日)より

NOW IN MONTHLY DRAGON AGE, EVERYTHING IS THE SAME!!

OHH!
グリグリ
I HAVE! I'VE GROWN!
SEN-CHAN~
GUESS THIS PROVES THAT I'M STEADILY BECOMING A FINE WOMAN, RIGHT?
♡
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SEN-CHAN~ WHERE ARE YOU?
.....
IGNORED!
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NNMM-MMM~~
SLEEEEEP YYYY~~
SENRI-CHAN REALLY IS LIVING ON INSTINCT, ISN'T SHE?
SEN-CHAN, HOW ABOUT WE MAKE A MARK ON THE PILLAR?
NN?
SENRI~ OVER HERE!
MAKE A MARK...?
YES, TO MARK YOUR GROWTH

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?
SENRI'S HORNS ARE PART OF SENRI.
DO WE INCLUDE THE HORNS?
SO WHERE WOULD BE A GOOD PLACE TO MEASURE FROM?

I WONDER IF MOM WOULD AGREE...?
WHEN I GET TALL, I'LL BE AN ADULT.
ぐりぐり
OKAY THEN! INCLUDING THE HORNS! ♪

WOULD SHE THINK...
GOTTSUN WOULD BE TALL ENOUGH?
"GOTT-SUN"?
YEAH
DAD WAS ABOUT TALL ENOUGH TO GOTTSUN UP THERE
THE CEILING
SENRI MIGHT GET THAT BIG TOO.
"GOTT-SUN"...

EH?!
SENRI! YOU CAN'T GET ANY TALLER!
RE.... MOD...?
RIGHT! IF SEN-CHAN GETS THAT BIG, WE'D HAVE TO REMODEL THE HOUSE!
WHYYY
BEING SMALL REALLY SUITS YOU!
EH?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE TALL TO BE AN ADULT!
SENRI IS JUST FINE AS SHE IS!
A?!
HA?
HUH?
IT'S GROWING INSIDE THAT COUNTS!
NOT CHANGING IS JUST FINE. RIGHT HERE!
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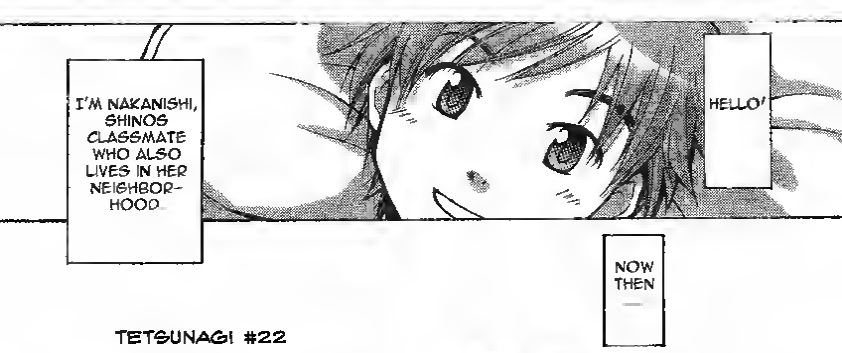

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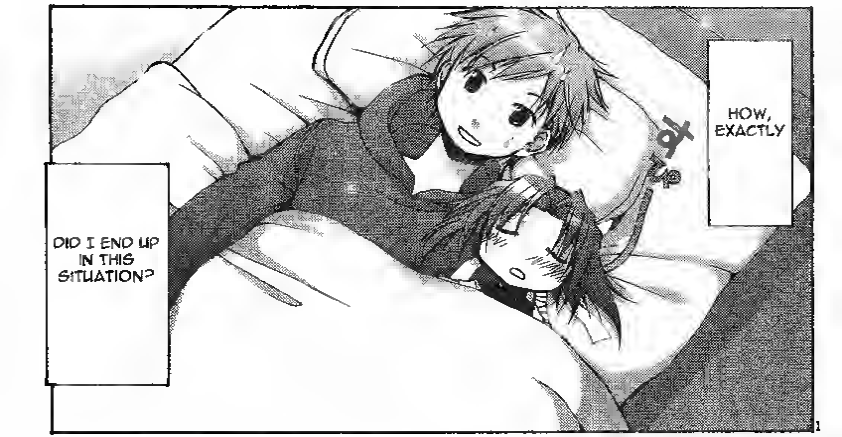

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おかあさんは行方不明になってしまうし、お腹が空いたし、仕方なく人里へ降りて来て、しかも行き倒れてしまった鬼っ子・せんりは、偶然に出会った女の子・志乃に、お弁当(の残り物のアボカド)を分けてもらって仲良くなりました? 志乃の家に身を寄せたせんりでしたが…。

アボカドが結んだ友情物語(ウソ!)。

◎手と手を繋ぐコミュニケーションコミック(ホント!)。

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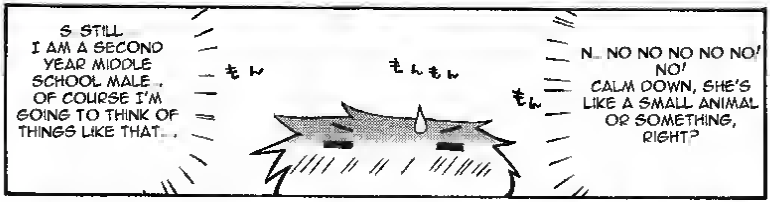
LAST NIGHT
HELLO? HM? NAKANISHI?
HM?
TOMOR-ROW?
YEAH, MY PARENTS ARE LEAVING REAL EARLY IN THE MORNING
I'M NOT SURE IF I'LL BE ABLE TO UP BY MYSELF, DO YOU THINK YOU COULD...
OH~? WHY DON'T YOU ASK YUKKI~? ♡
AH, WELL, I THOUGHT IF SOMEONE SHE KNEW SAW HER VISITING ME SO EARLY IN THE MORNING... IT MIGHT GET A BIT OUT OF HAND.
AHAHA! MORON!!
OH WELL, IF IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO YOU, ♪ ☆
OH? NO GOOD THEN?
OH WAIT, I'VE GOT TO GO TO SCHOOL REAL EARLY MYSELF...
HMMMM NO WAIT, IT'LL BE FINE
I'LL SEND OVER SOME-THING TO MAKE SURE YOU WAKE UP!
RIGHT... AND THIS IS WHO SHE SENT...

SENRI-SAN! SENRI-SAN!
HEY! SENRI!
N...
C'MON, WAKE UP!
I'M GOING TO BE LATE FOR SCHOOL
HOW DID YOU GET INTO MY BED ANYWAY?
NNN....
SHINO SAID
"Those who chase after mummys will become a mummy".
- A phrase that refers to when a person chases after another to bring them back but instead stays with them
YOU COULDN'T HOLD OUT THEN?!
"BECOMING A MUMMY IS NOT GOOD, SENRI!"
THIS SITUATION IS REALLY BAD
IF MATSUZAWA SAW US LIKE THIS, SHE MIGHT THINK I'M BETRAYING HER
YOU COULD PROBABLY MISTAKE SENRI FOR A GUY THOUGH
SHE'S GOT NO CHEST AT ALL!
AH, BUT THERE'S THAT SLENDER NECK AND

YEAH... SHE'S A GIRL...


S STILL I AM A SECOND YEAR MIDDLE SCHOOL MALE , OF COURSE I'M GOING TO THINK OF THINGS LIKE THAT...
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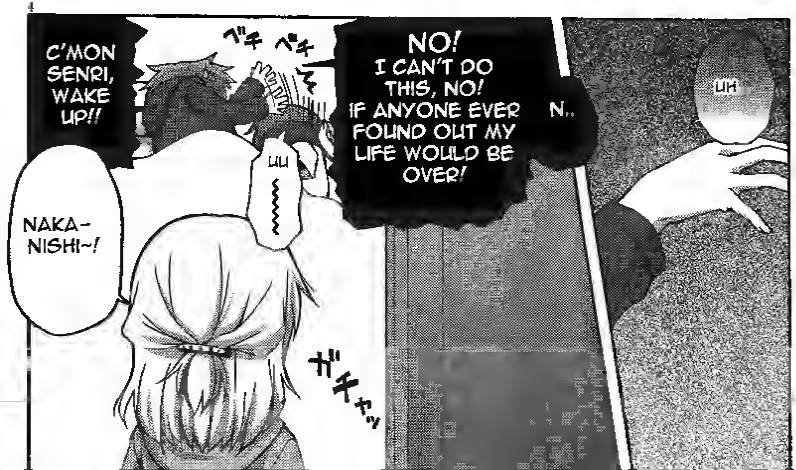
N... NO NO NO NO NO! NO! CALM DOWN, SHE'S LIKE A SMALL ANIMAL OR SOMETHING, RIGHT?


C'MON SENRI, WAKE UP!!
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NAKA-NISHI~!
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NO! I CAN'T DO THIS, NO! IF ANYONE EVER FOUND OUT MY LIFE WOULD BE OVER!
N..
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TIME TO WAKE...
AH, NO, THIS ...
THIS ISN'T ...
NNNP
SENRI-CHAN~
COME ON NOW, YOU NEED TO GET UP PROPERLY
EH?!

EH?
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I WOULD GET MAD?
I MEAN BEING LATE TO SCHOOL SUCKED BUT STILL..
AH, YEAH, BUT STILL SENRI IS A GIRL.
YOU'RE NOT JEALOUS?
JEALOUS!? THIS IS SENRI WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. SENRI'S STILL A KID AFTER ALL.
SHINO TOLD ME EVERYTHING SO I EXPECTED SOMETHING LIKE THAT
6
AH-
YOU ACTUALLY THOUGHT OF SENRI AS A GIRL IN THAT WAY?
HEY DON'T TELL ME
SEE SENRI,
THAT'S WHAT WE CALL A "SNAKE THICKET"
SNAKE..?
"Poking a thicket to scare out a snake" A phrase which refers to unnecessarily creating trouble for yourself.

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おかあさんは行方不明になってしまうし、
お腹が空いたし、
仕方なく人里へ降りて来て、
しかも行き倒れてしまった
鬼っ子、せんりは、
偶然に出会った女の子、志乃に、
お弁当(の残り物のアボカド)を
分けてもらって仲良くなりました?
志乃の家に身を寄せたせんりでしたが、
アボカドが結んだ友情物語(ウソ)。
0手と手を繋ぐ
コミュニケーションコミック
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Y YOU OKAY SENRI?
MM...
2
I'VE NEVER SEEN HER MAKE THAT KIND OF FACE
AH
GONE
WHY?
SENRI!
YOUR NAILS ARE TOO LONG!
AH!

SORRY ABOUT THAT, I SHOULD HAVE NOTICED
WAS IT SCARY?
YEAH...
IT SOUND-ED...
LIKE THE SOUND I HEARD ON THE NIGHT MY MOM DIDN'T COME BACK

AND...
SEN-
YOU GAVE THAT TO ME....
AND I BROKE IT...

すくっ！
....RIGHT!
WAIT RIGHT HERE FOR ME SEN-CHAN!
バッ
EH?!
10 mins later ←
SEN-CHAN, I'M BACK!
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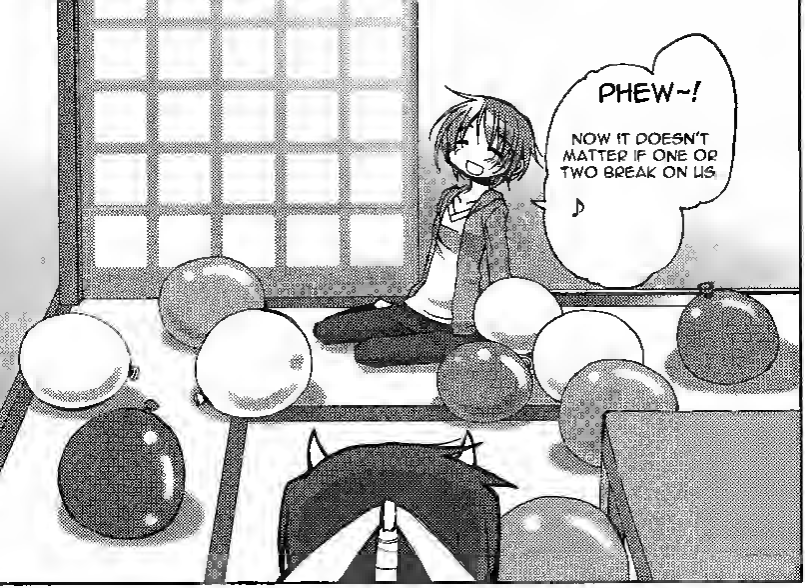
PHEW~!
NOW IT DOESN'T MATTER IF ONE OR TWO BREAK ON US
♪

AH
OF COURSE, WE'LL BE CAREFUL NOT TO BREAK THEM AND MAKE THAT BIG NOISE.
YOUR NAILS ARE SHORT NOW SO IT SHOULD BE OKAY
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A BEAUTIFUL SMILE BRINGS A WONDERFUL TOMORROW

IT FEELS TOO FORMAL.
THE FIRST PART... HMM... A BIT OFF
TETSUNAGI #24
Shino's report
"Senri's growth(?) diary"
!
THERE!
NOW FOR THE REST! ♪
The story so far...
After her mother went MISSING, Her stomach became HUNGRY. As a last resort, she decended to the human village, where she COLLAPSED. The ONI GIRL, SENRI, met by chance the HUMAN GIRL, SHINO, who shared her lunch (leftover AVOCADO). Could they get along together? SHINO INVITED Senn to HER HOUSE. A STORY OF A BOND OF AVOCADO (lies!)
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AT FIRST, SENRI WAS REALLY SCARED, BUT WE'VE REALLY GOTTEN USED TO EACH OTHER AND OUR DAILY LIFE.
IT'S BEEN ABOUT THREE MONTHS SINCE SENRI CAME TO OUR HOUSE.
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AH
YOU OKAY THERE SENRI?
THE SUN SMELLS GOOD
DON'T GO TO SLEEP THERE, OKAY?
LATELY, SENRI HAS BEEN HELPING OUT AROUND THE HOUSE.
2
SHINO
WHAT WAS THAT?
THAT WAS THE VOICE OF THE MAN WHO SELLS YUMMY BAKED POTATOES
YUMMY
BA—KED POTATOES
SENRI STILL ISN'T USED TO 100% OF HUMAN SOCIETY YET, BUT STILL...
SHE HAS BECOME GOOD FRIENDS WITH ME AND MOM, AS WELL AS EVERYONE SHE'S MET.

SENRI IS A GOOD, CUTE GIRL
I REALLY LOVE HER ♡
"SO THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT US" ♪
"BOTH OF US ARE HAPPY AND HEALTHY"
TWO THE SAME?
YEP!
ONE FOR AN ENVELOPE. ♪
AND ONE FOR FOLDING!
?
C'MON SENRI, LET'S GO SEND THESE LETTERS TOGETHER ♪
WE GOING TO REPORT?
YEAH! WELL, NOT DIRECTLY THOUGH.
I DON'T REALLY GET IT... BUT I'LL GO.
RIGHT!

IT'D BE NICE TO SPEAK TO DAD ON THE PHONE...
GUESS THAT'LL HAVE TO WAIT, EH?
♪
YEAH, HAVE TO WAIT...
コトン
THIS IS SHINO'S DAD...?
NO IT'S NOT.
ぽん
THERE! OUR REPORT TO DAD IS COMPLETE!
♪
EH?
OKAY, NEXT!

SHINO...
EVERY-THING IS GOING TOO FAST....
SENRI, CALM DOWN
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ゴロゴロ
ゴロゴロ
WE'VE GOT ONE MORE LETTER TO SEND
I'M NOT SURE IF THIS WILL GET THERE THOUGH
HMMM YEAH, HERE SHOULD BE GOOD
SHINO?
To Senri's mom
From Shino

A LOVELY LETTER BRINGS A LIVELY TOMORROW
PLEASE BE DELIVERED!
COME ON SENRI, YOU TOO.
PLEASE BE DELIVERED!

エイミ つづく
OKAY, LET'S GO HOME ♪
, SENRI CAN'T GET ON THAT VEHICLE FROM BEFORE...
EH?
IF SENRI RIDES ON THAT THING AGAIN...
EH!?
WELL, WE'LL WALK!
IT'S LIKE AN HOUR AND A HALF BUT
YEAH, THAT'S FINE

HYAA!
IT'S SO COLD!
YA-HOI!!
THE POOL! POOL!!
AH! THAT'S RIGHT! I SHOULD SPLASH SOME ON ME SO I GET USED TO IT!
HYAAA!!
SO COLD, IT'S PIERCING TO MY HEART!
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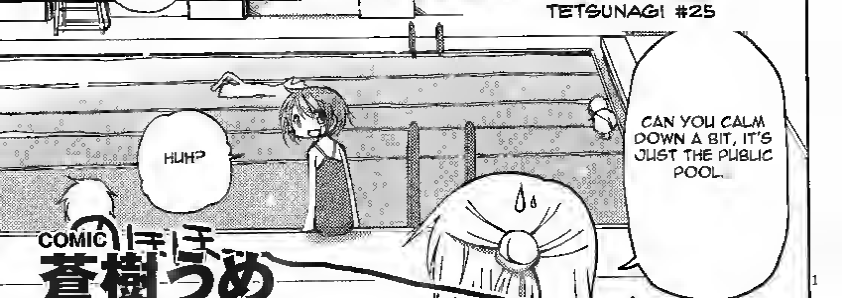

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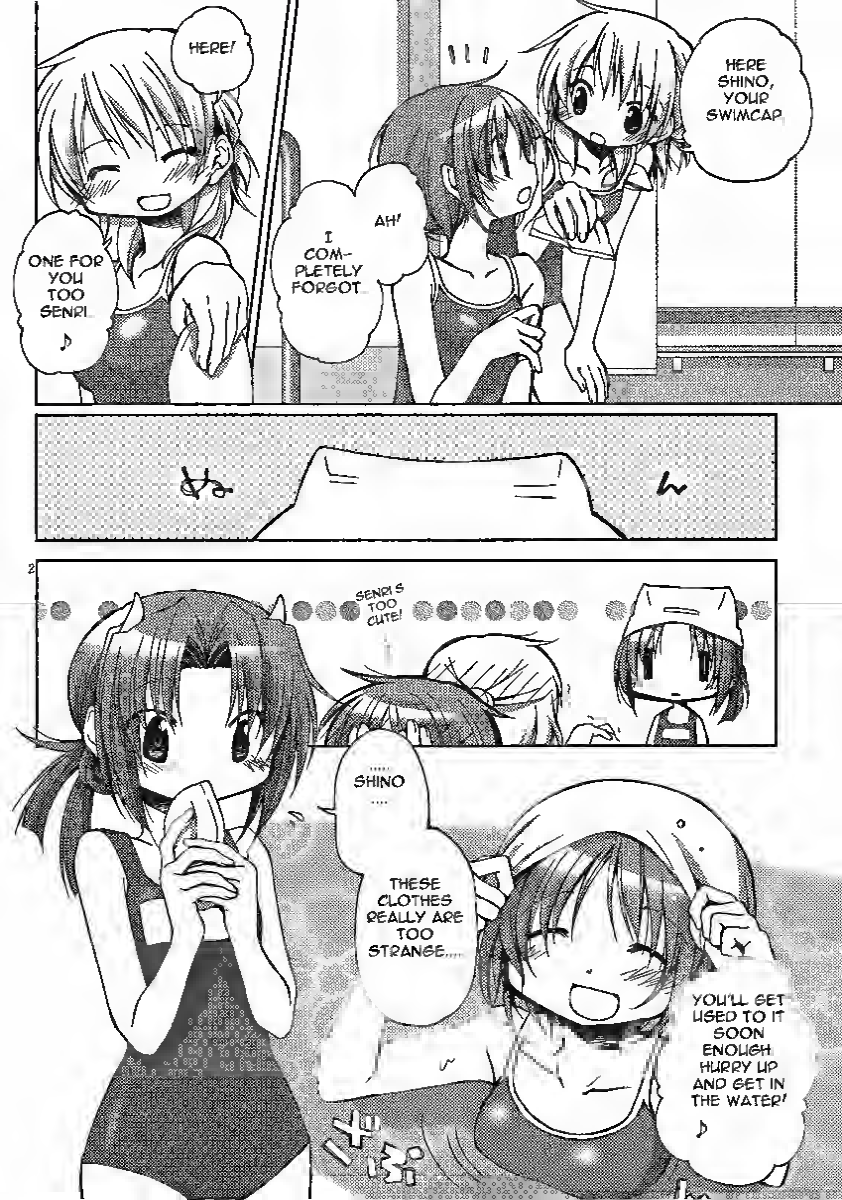
HERE!
ONE FOR YOU TOO SENRI ♪
AH!
I COM-PLETELY FORGOT...
HERE SHINO, YOUR SWIMCAP
2
SENRI'S TOO CUTE!
.....
SHINO
....
THESE CLOTHES REALLY ARE TOO STRANGE.....
YOU'LL GET USED TO IT SOON ENOUGH. HURRY UP AND GET IN THE WATER! ♪

NN-
GYAA!!
SENRI!!
GU-BU-HO-BOO-GA!!
ARE
ARE YOU OKAY?
IS DISHES?
SENRI~ MAKE SURE TO BE CAREFUL, OKAY?
YOU TWO OVER THERE! IS EVERY-THING ALRIGHT?
AH, YES! SORRY!
JUST BE CAREFUL, OKAY?
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SHINO...
YOU'RE SQUISHY
PFFH!
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THAAAT'S RIGHT! I ATE TOO MUCH OVER NEW YEARS AND NOW I'M SQUISHY!! THAT' IS' WHY' I'M' AT' THE' POOL!!
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COME HERE! I'LL SQUISH YOU!!
HO-HUEEE!??!?
PFF-HUHHU HUHU!! PFFT!
MY SHAPE?
WITH THESE CLOTHES ON I CAN FEEL SHINO'S SHAPE BETTER..
UH, I.. NO.. I MEAN...

THIS FEELS DIFFERENT
YOU'VE SEEN ME WHEN WE'VE TAKEN BATHS BEFORE, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT BUT...
WARM PLACES... AND COLD PLACES...
HERE IS FLUFFY, AND HERE IS STIFF...
THE FEELING OF SHINO'S SHAPE...
I LOVE IT.
.....

A GREAT SWIM BRINGS A LIVELY TOMORROW!!

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VEXED SCANS
TETSUNAGI KOONI - 25

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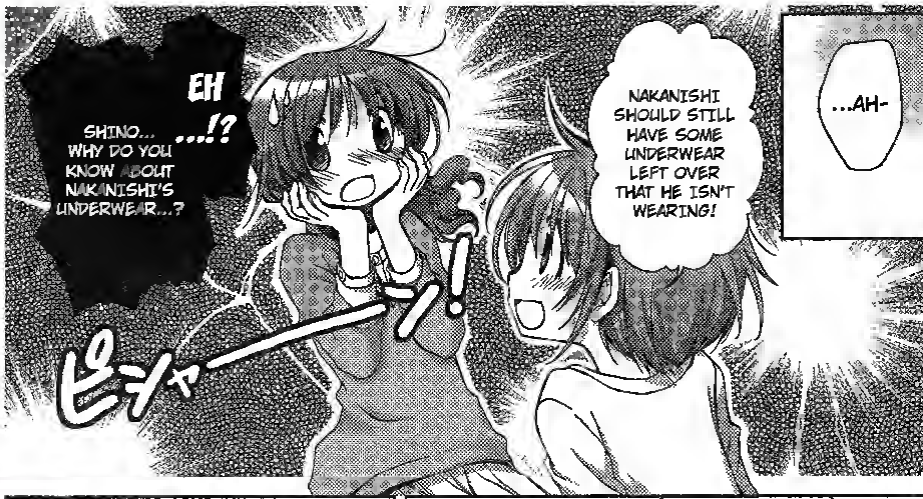
AH...
THE ELASTIC BAND LEFT A MARK HUH?
I DIDN'T THINK THAT CHILDREN'S PANTIES WOULDN'T FIT YOU... SORRY.
YEAH... IT'S TOO TIGHT RIGHT HERE.
WHAT WAS SENRI WEARING BEFORE THOSE PANTIES?
SOMETHING... THAT LOOKED LIKE A LOINCLOTH...
OHH, SEXY...
WELL, HOW ABOUT FOR NOW YOU TRY WEARING MY PANTIES!
MM...
IT STILL FEELS WEIRD...
もぞもぞ
ゴソゴソ
I SEE...
THE SHAPE OF THOSE PANTIES DOESN'T SUIT YOU DOES IT?
A demon's panties are goooo!! panties
WE'LL HAVE TO GET YOU SOME DEMONS PANTIES THEN ♪
?

MOM?
スパーン
OH, I KNOW!
WAIT HERE A BIT ♪
TRY THESE!
おおっ
なんか
丸っぽい!
IT FEELS LIKE I'M NOT WEARING ANYTHING...
AH...
I GUESS IT WOULD FEEL LIKE THAT HUH...

I BET A GIRL WEARING BOXERS FEELS THE SAME AS A GUY WAS WEARING A SKIRT FOR THE FIRST TIME!
YOU THINK SO...?
...WELL, ENOUGH ABOUT THAT.
THIS IS A PROBLEM, WE DON'T HAVE PANTIES THAT FIT HER...
YEAH...


...AH-
NAKANISHI SHOULD STILL HAVE SOME UNDERWEAR LEFT OVER THAT HE ISN'T WEARING!
EH ...!?
SHINO... WHY DO YOU KNOW ABOUT NAKANISHI'S UNDERWEAR...?
ヒャーン!

EH.
BECAUSE RECENTLY NAKANISHI WAS SAYING "POPULAR GUYS ALL WEAR BOXERS!" AND OTHER STUFF I DON'T REALLY GET.
AH.
SO THAT'S WHY.
ガチャ!
I WONDER IF NAKANISHI IS AT HOME?

HERE!
DIDN'T EVEN OPEN THEM YET!
OHH!!
SENRI IS REALLY HAPPY YOU GAVE HER THESE!
THANKS FOR EVERY-THING♪
HOW ARE THEY SENRI?
MM ..
T...
THEY'RE GOOD!
ISN'T THAT GREAT, SENRI?♡
YEAH!
1300 YEN!
EH?
THOSE ARE PRETTY NICE BOXERS, RIGHT?
Yeah.
Sen-chan, can you bring me the clipboard?
...GIVE ME A RAISE!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH A RAISE..
...HM?
バタン…

SENRI..!
……
YOU REALLY DID COME OUT HERE LIKE THAT...!
OH MY, SENRI-CHAN THAT UNDER-WEAR...
SE... SENRI~!!
WHAT ABOUT THE ZIP-PER?
6
EH-
NAKANISHI GAVE ME THE ONES HE WAS WEARING!
UOHH !?
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tears fell

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surprised

MIZOUCHI'S HOUSE
SHINO~~ MOM'S GOING OUT FOR A BIT, CAN BRING THE FUTONS IN AROUND 2 FOR ME?
OK, I WILL WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
演仲
IT'S BEEN A

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LONG LONG TIME SINCE WE LAST MET♡
WA! THEN, THEN THAT MEANS THAT-!
SHE JUST GOT BACK TWO DAYS AGO♪
MIZOUCHI IS BACK NOW!?
..WAIT, DO YOU MEAN THAT..
BABY?
THE...
SENRI! LET'S GO SEE THE BABY WITH MOM!

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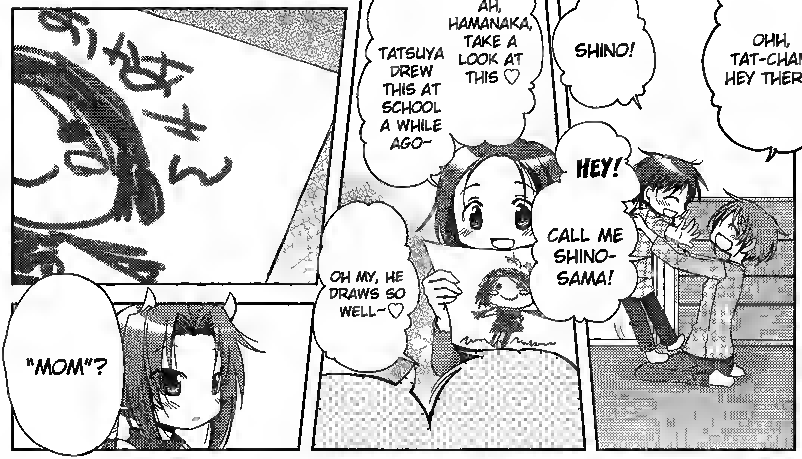
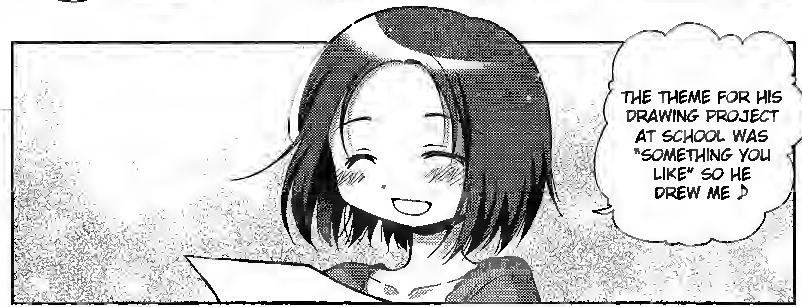
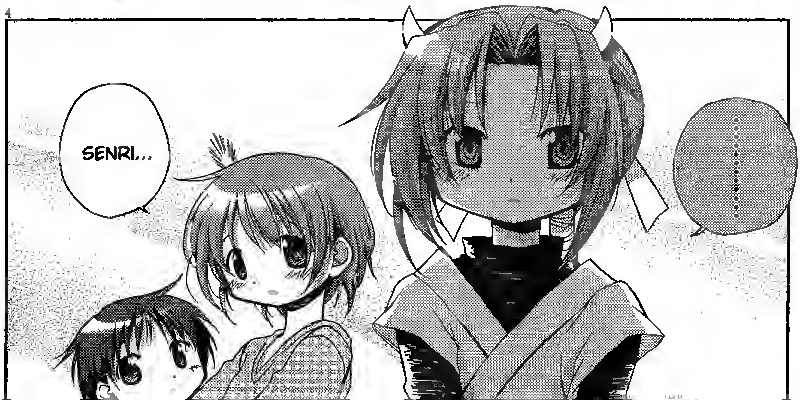
26.5TH HAND HOLDING

WAA!
SO CU~TE!
WHEN SHINO WAS A MONTH OLD HER FACE STILL LOOKD ALL SQUISHED UP...
IT DID!?
MIKI-CHAN, HOW MANY MONTHS OLD IS SHE?
SHE'S ABOUT A MONTH OLD NOW
HEHEHE, THANKS♪
HER FACE HAS ALREADY GOTTEN SO PRETTY♪
?
WHEN SHINO WAS A MONTH OLD...?

DIDN'T YOU KNOW? BACK WHEN SHINO WAS BORN SHE WAS JUST AS SMALL AS THIS BABY HERE IS.
EH...?
THAT'S.
IMPOSSIBLE...
I'M SURE THAT WHEN SENRI-CHAN WAS BORN YOU WERE ALSO JUST AS SMALL AS THIS BABY HERE
IMPOSSIBLE...
AH, SENRI REMEMBERED A HARD WORD...
AND THEN ... TATSUYA!
YEAHHH?
AFTER 5 YEARS YOU WERE ABOUT THIS BIG!


OHH, TAT-CHAN, HEY THERE!
SHINO!
HEY!
CALL ME SHINO-SAMA!
AH, HAMANAKA, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS ♡
TATSUYA DREW THIS AT SCHOOL A WHILE AGO-
OH MY, HE DRAWS SO WELL-♡
"MOM"?


THE THEME FOR HIS DRAWING PROJECT AT SCHOOL WAS "SOMETHING YOU LIKE" SO HE DREW ME ♪


SENRI...
.....

SENRI IS GONNA DRAW HER MOM TOO!!
GO FOR IT!
YOU'RE GOING TO DRAW? OK THEN, HERE YOU GO♪
SORRY ABOUT THIS MIZUCHI!
SENRI IS LOOKING FOR HER MOM SO MAYBE...
!!
IF SENRI-CHAN DRAWS HER MOM THEN WE CAN PUT IT ON A MISSING PERSON POSTER AND PUT IT UP ALL OVER THE TOWN...
NICE IDEA MOM!!
DONE!!
OHH!
LET US HAVE A LOOK AT IT~~♪
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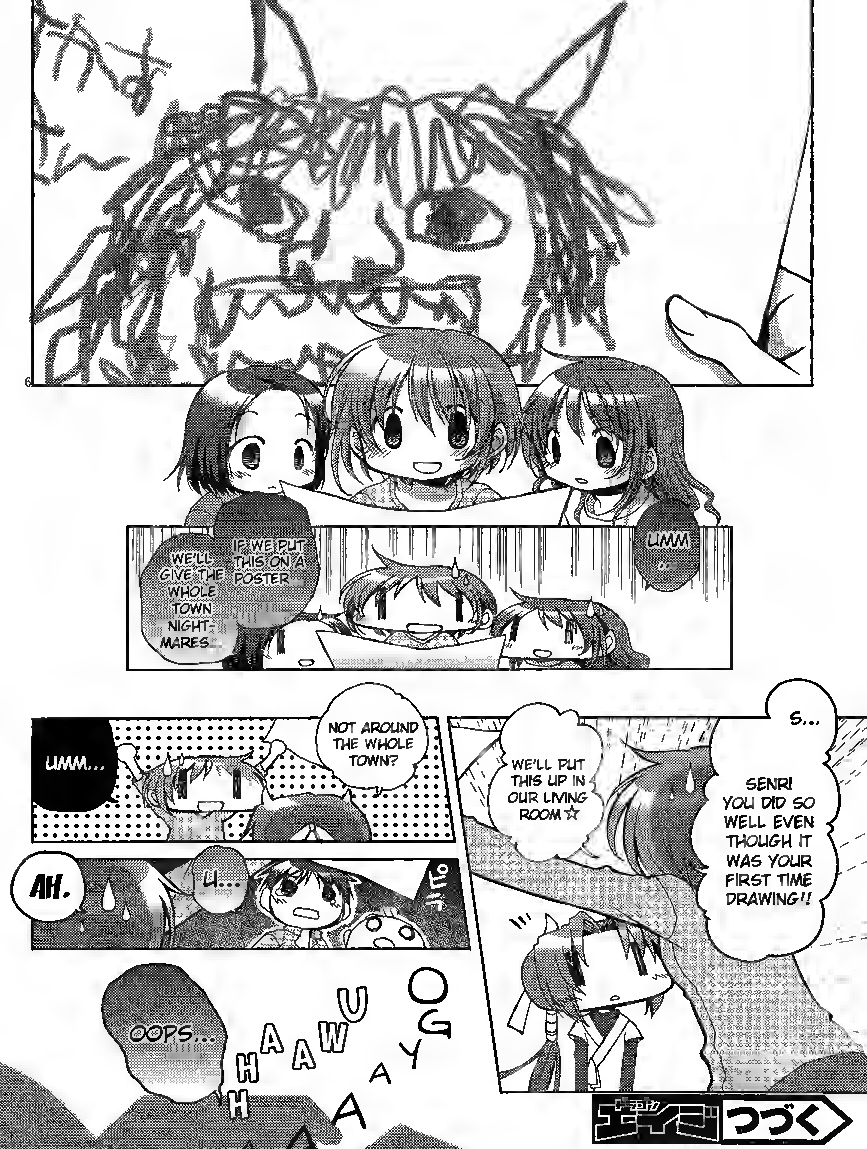
WE'LL GIVE THE WHOLE TOWN NIGHTMARES...
IF WE PUT THIS ON A POSTER
UMM
UMM...
NOT AROUND THE WHOLE TOWN?
AH.
HI...
OOPS...
HAAA

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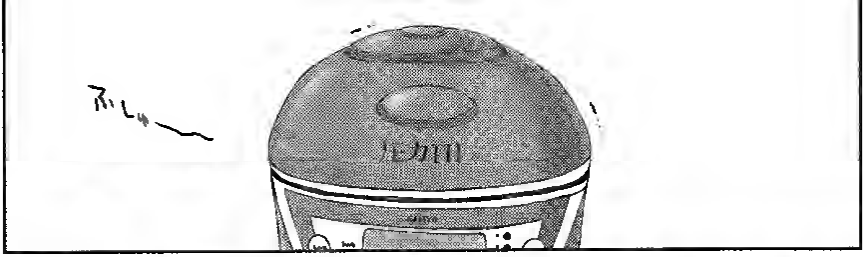
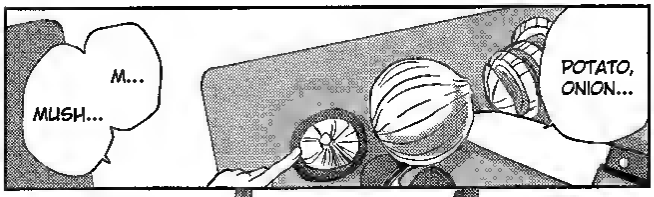
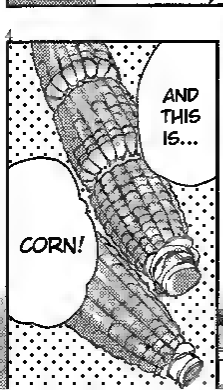
BY..
BY THE WAY, WHAT KIND OF MEAT DID YOU..
HMM, WE ATE IT RAW, BUT SOMETIMES WE COOKED IT TOO.
DID YOU USUALLY EAT IT RAW UP ON THE MOUNTAIN?
Y.. YOUR MOM WAS ABLE TO TAKE DOWN A BEAR..?
YEAH.
'CAUSE SENRI'S MOM WAS STRONG.
BUT EVEN THOUGH SHE'S STRONG I WONDER IF SHE'S OK.
OHH.
JUST LIKE I THOUGHT.
STUFF LIKE BIRDS AND RABBITS.
BEAR!?
ONCE IN A WHILE WE'D GET TO EAT STUFF LIKE BEAR AND BOAR MEAT TOO.
2
SHE DIDN'T GET EATEN?
NO NO NO, SHE DIDN'T GET EATEN, SHE DIDN'T!!!
MAYBE SHE ALREADY GOT EATEN..
SO YOU MEAN MOM GOT SHOT AND THEN GOT EATEN..
SHE DIDN'T GET EATEN, PERIOD!

I SEE.
GOOD.
SENRI WHAT OTHER KINDS OF STUFF DID YOU EAT?
LET'S SEE...
WE ATE LOTS OF FRUITS, AND...
WE ATE A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF LEAVES...
WE HAD MEAT ONCE IN A WHILE TOO, BUT...
WORMS DON'T TASTE VERY GOOD SO WE DIDN'T EAT THEM
DOES THAT MEAN YOU TRIED EATING ONE BEFORE...?



THE FOOD PEOPLE EAT TASTES GOOD.





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ほか ほか
A RICE BALL!
パカッ
THAT'S CALLED RICE.
RICE!!
RICE ...
TASTES VERY VERY GOOD.
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AH, SHINO!
BEHAVE YOUR-SELF WILL YOU!!
GEEZ...
AH! HOT!
IT'S ALMOST READY SO JUST WAIT A BIT.

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SO A NOTE ABOUT THE JOKE IN THIS CHAPTER. WHAT SENRI ACTUALLY WRITES IS 愛羅武しの WHICH IS NONSENSE, BUT THE PRONUNCIATION OF THE KANJI IS AI-RA-BU. HENCE, WHAT IT TURNS OUT TO BE IS HOW YOU'D SAY I LOVE SHINO IN ENGLISH USING JAPANESE PHONETICS. OF COURSE, SHINO DOESN'T GET IT SO SHE THINKS SENRI'S BEEN CORRUPTED (LIT. STRAYED OFF THE RIGHT PATH). I DID MY BEST TO PRESERVE THE JOKE, HOPEFULLY YOU STILL FOUND THE OVERAL RESULT TO BE AS AMUSING AS IT WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO BE IN JAPANESE.

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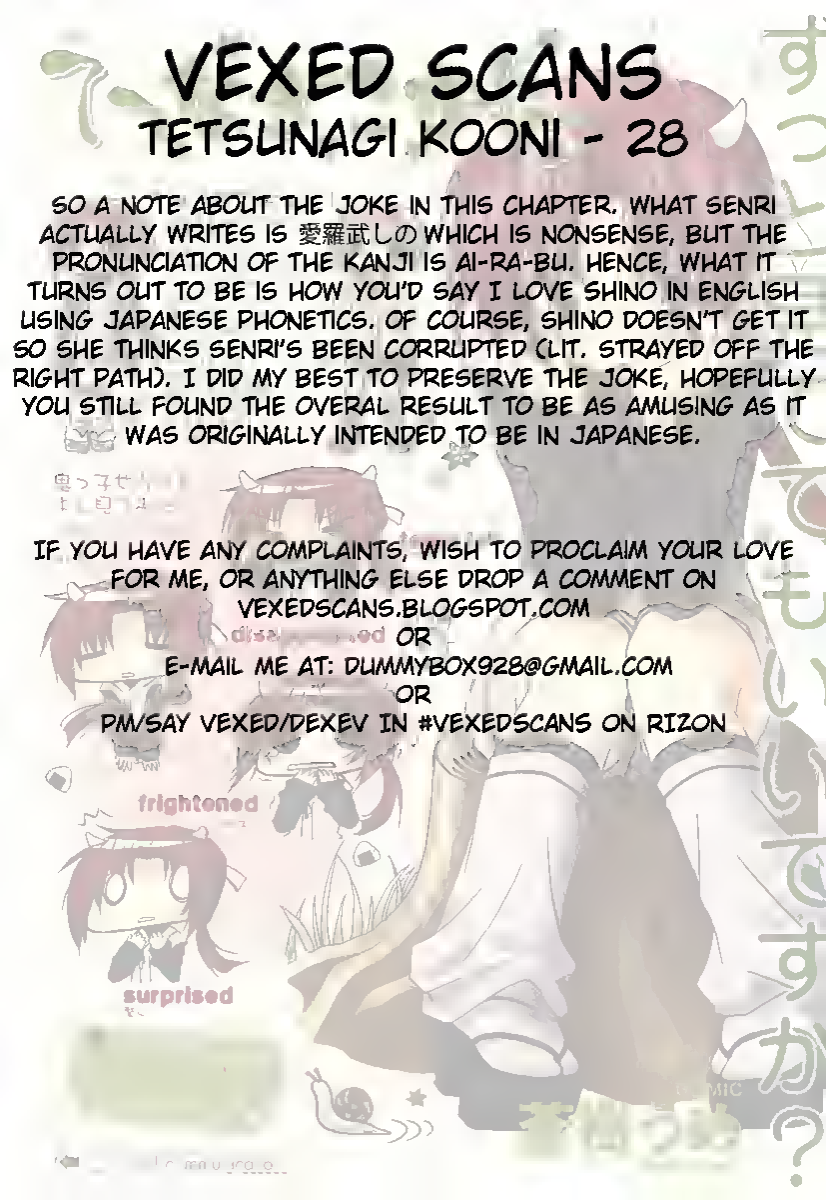

■ HAVING FRIED FOODS MEANS A TASTY SEASON IS UPON US. (IE. THE WHOLE YEAR IS TASTY)

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28TH HAND HOLDING

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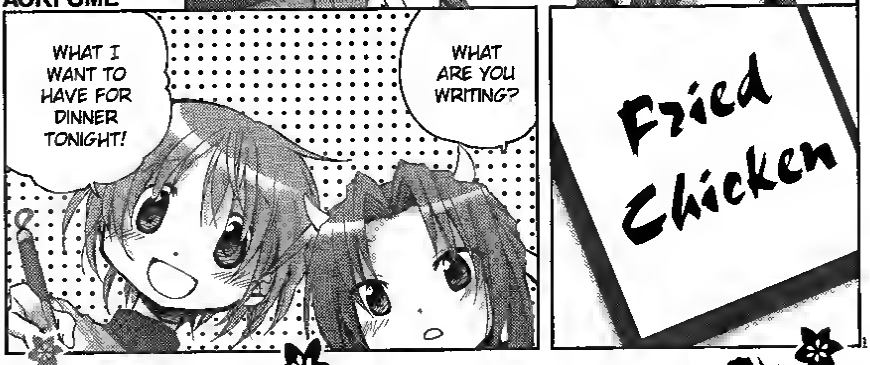

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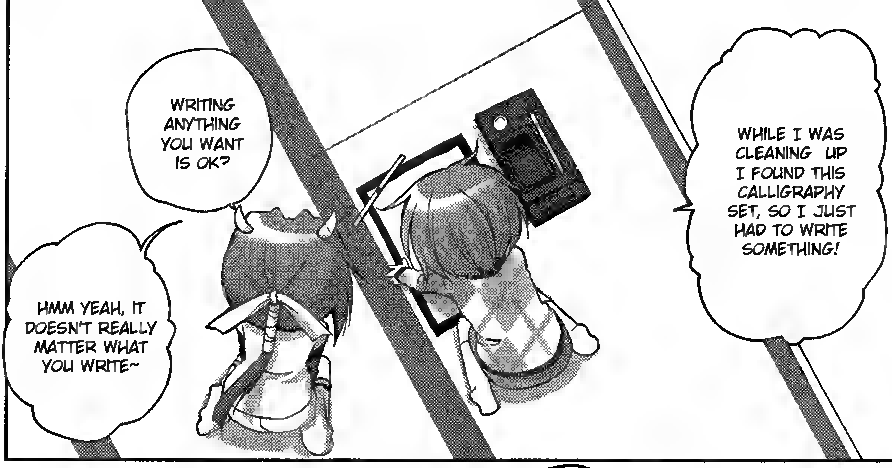
WHILE I WAS CLEANING UP I FOUND THIS CALLIGRAPHY SET, SO I JUST HAD TO WRITE SOMETHING!
WRITING ANYTHING YOU WANT IS OK?
HMM YEAH, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER WHAT YOU WRITE~

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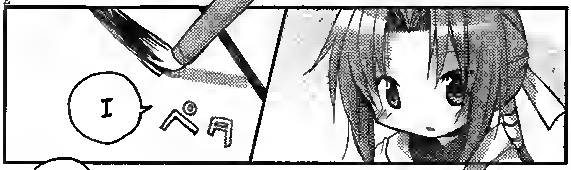

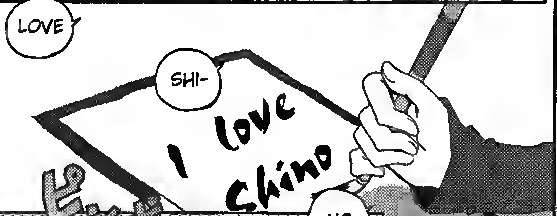

SFX. Ping-Pong

ガチャッ
HAMANAKA~ I'VE GOT A COMMUNITY NOTICE FOR YOU~
...HUH? SENRI, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE HERE?
HM?

SHINO WILL BE HAPPY?
YEAH, OF COURSE SHE WILL BE!

WOW!! DID YOU WRITE THIS SENRI!?
I BET THIS'LL MAKE SHINO REALLY HAPPY♪

ALRIGHT!! I'M GONNA TEACH YOU HOW TO WRITE SOMETHING THAT WILL MAKE SHINO EVEN MORE HAPPY!
ずいっ
びくっ
...WRITING THIS WILL MAKE SHINO HAPPY?
IT'S A LITTLE HARD TO WRITE, BUT....
JUST DO YOUR BEST!
ずっ!!
YOU BET!
THIS WORD IS EVEN STRONGER THAN SAYING YOU LOVE SOMEONE!

OK! I GOTTA GO BACK NOW.
AH-
KEEP THE FACT THAT I CAME HERE A SECRET! IF YOU DO, SHINO WILL BE EVEN HAPPIER!
N...
NO-
BO-
DY.
REALLY?
HEY...
SHINO LOOK AT THIS.
HMM? WHAT DID YOU WRITE?
ジャ
SORRY FOR THE WAIT~♪
SENRI WHO CAME HERE?

AI RABU SHINO

SHINO!?
だっ!!
SENRI'S BEEN CORRUPTED!!
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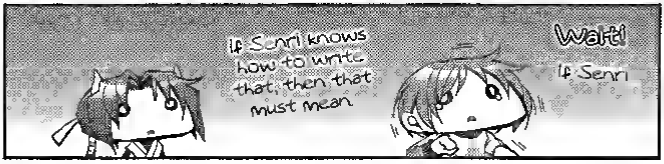
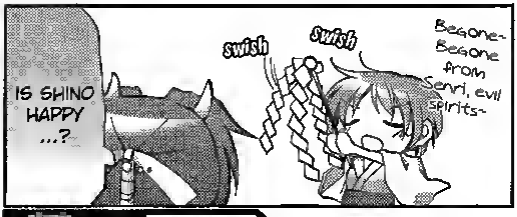

If Senri knows how to write that, then that must mean
Wait!
If Senri


IS SHINO HAPPY ...?
swish
swish
Begone- Begone from Senri, evil spirits-

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TRANSLATING SOME OF THESE LINES WAS QUITE A PAIN IN THE ASS. NOT BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS BEING SAID, BUT FINDING A WAY TO PHRASE IT NORMALLY IN ENGLISH TOOK A FAIR AMOUNT OF WORK. ALSO, AS ALWAYS:

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■ THE HAND IN HAND COMMUNICATION MANGA

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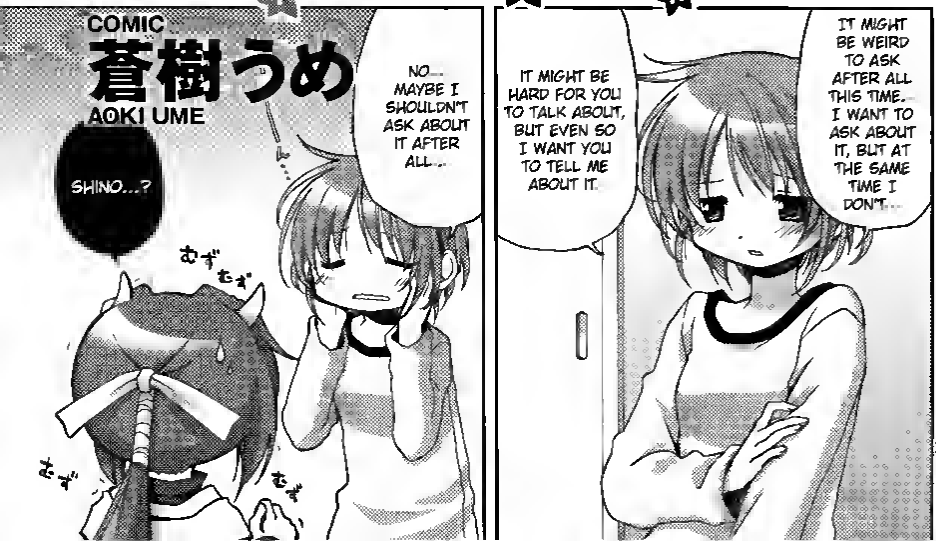
SHINO...?
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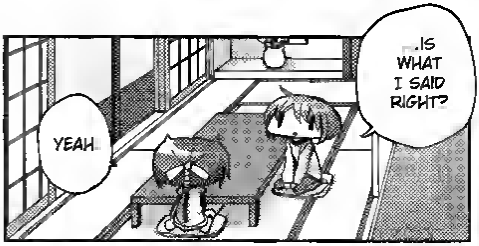
NO... MAYBE I SHOULDN'T ASK ABOUT IT AFTER ALL...
IT MIGHT BE HARD FOR YOU TO TALK ABOUT, BUT EVEN SO I WANT YOU TO TELL ME ABOUT IT.
IT MIGHT BE WEIRD TO ASK AFTER ALL THIS TIME. I WANT TO ASK ABOUT IT, BUT AT THE SAME TIME I DON'T...

I WANT TO DOUBLE CHECK WHAT HAPPENED BACK WHEN YOUR MOM DISAPPEARED IN THE FOREST!


...IS WHAT I SAID RIGHT?
YEAH.

YOUR MOM WENT OUT INTO THE FOREST.
THEN YOU HEARD A GUNSHOT.
THEN YOU WENT TO WHERE YOU HEARD THE GUNSHOT FROM AND FOUND SOME BLOOD, BUT YOUR MOM WASN'T THERE.
AND AFTER THAT YOUR MOM NEVER CAME HOME.

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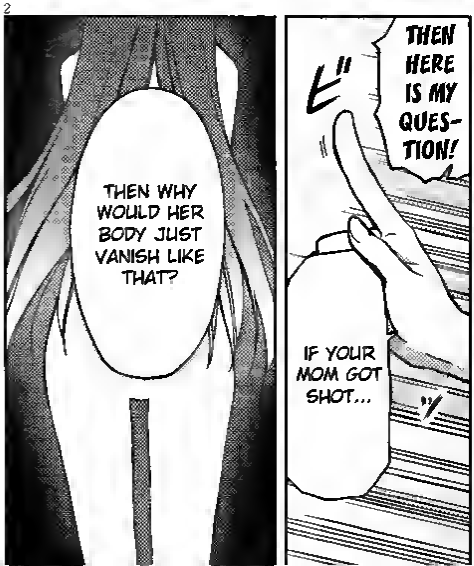
THEN HERE IS MY QUES-TION!
IF YOUR MOM GOT SHOT...
THEN WHY WOULD HER BODY JUST VANISH LIKE THAT?

THE FACT THAT YOUR MOM WASN'T THERE...
MIGHT MEAN THAT EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS SHOT, SHE SURVIVED AND MANAGED TO RUN AWAY SOMEWHERE, DON'T YOU THINK!?
SHE PROBABLY TRANS-FORMED.
TRA...
TRANS-FORM...?
IT'S BETTER IF NOBODY KNOWS A DEMON IS AROUND...
THAT'S WHY WHEN WE'RE IN TROUBLE WE CAN TRANS-FORM.
WE CAN TURN INTO STUFF LIKE RACCONS AND BOARS USUALLY.
SHE PROBABLY
T TAKEN
AY AND
EN GOT
TEN
WAH!!!
UMM.. THEN THAT MEANS..
YEAH.
CAN YOU DO ANY OTHER KINDS OF TRANSFOR-MATIONS?

UMPH!!
WA!
MMMM.
WE CAN HIDE OUR HORNS.
SENRI ISN'T THAT GOOD AT IT YET, BUT...
ONCE I'M GROWN UP I SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO IT ALL THE WAY.
ARE THEY HIDDEN NOW?
UHHH, A LITTLE BIT.
...HM?
WAIT, IF YOU CAN DO THAT..
DOESN'T THAT MEAN YOUR MOM MIGHT HAVE SURVIVED AND IS LIVING SOMEWHERE HIDING HER HORNS!!?
EH!?
UMM... MAYBE?
DAAA !!!!
WA!?
Where are we going-ggg!?

I SEE.
SO IT'S VERY LIKELY THAT SHE'S HIDING HER HORNS..
THEN I SUPPOSE WE SHOULD BASE OUR SEARCH ON SOME OTHER TRAIT OF HERS
YOU CAME AT THE PERFECT TIME TOO, I WAS THINKING WE SHOULD TRY THAT MYSELF.
YOU WERE?
町長室
I WAS.
WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING HIGH AND LOW FOR SENRI'S MOTHER, BUT...
IT'S QUITE HARD TO GET HELP WHEN I TELL PEOPLE "WE'RE SEARCHING FOR A WOMAN WITH HORNS."
はは
YOU HAVE A POINT THERE ..
RIGHT?
NOW THEN! MIGHT YOUR MOTHER HAVE ANY OTHER TRAITS THAT WOULD BE EASY TO SPOT?
EH-
UH-
UMM
?
HMM.
IS HER HAIR THE SAME COLOR AS YOURS SENRI?
IT IS!

SUPER PRETTY!
ALSO, SHE'S...
SHE'S A LITTLE BIT TALLER THAN SHINO'S MOM IS.
HOW TALL IS SHE?
HMM, SO IN HER MID TO LATE 30'S.
SHE'S ABOUT THE SAME.
DO YOU THINK SHE'S OLDER THAN SHINO'S MOM? OR IS SHE YOUNGER THAN HER?
SO HERS IS A REDDISH COLOR TOO.

■ WILL THESE CLUES HELP SENRI FIND HER MOM?

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HE WANTS A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN WITH REDDISH HAIR IN HER MID TO LATE 30'S...?
WHAT THE, IS HAYAMAYA'S MAYOR LOOKING FOR A WIFE NOW TOO...?
• Mid to late 30's
• About 160cm tall
• Reddish color hair
• Beautiful
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MY SECOND ANNIVERSARY RELEASE! I HAD TO FIT IN AN AOKI RELATED RELEASE SOMEWHERE!

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EH!?
じゃ…
UWAH-HHHH…
MOM…
MOMMY…
uu…
WHERE… AM I…?
…I WANNA GO BACK HOME.
……?

I CAME SHOPPING WITH MY MOMMY...
BUT THEN I SAW THIS REALLY CUTE KITTY CAT WALKING BY US...
I STARTED CHASING IT AND BEFORE I KNEW IT I GOT LOST...
.....
AND NOW I DON'T EVEN...
KNOW WHERE MY MOMMY IS...
UU...
ギュッ
UWAHH!!
!
ヒクッ
UU-
WAH!!
WAH-HHH...
お
UH... UMM...
.....

ばっ!!
...AH.
LET'S...
HOLD HANDS!
DO YOU...
FEEL A BIT BETTER NOW?
.....
YEAH.
WAS IT THIS WAY?
HMM...

A HIGH SPOT?
!!!
AH! MAYBE I COULD TELL IF I LOOKED AROUND FROM A HIGHER SPOT!
I THINK I COULD TELL IF WE WERE CLOSER TO WHERE I WAS...
YUKA!?
2
MAMA!!
YUKA!!!!

I'M OK.
I HAD A NICE LADY WITH ME SO I WAS FINE!
MAMA!
YOU'RE NOT HURT ARE YOU!? WERE YOU SCARED?
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE OK! MOMMY IS SO SORRY FOR NOT KEEPING AN EYE ON YOU!
ギュッ!!
EH?
AH, OK!
THANKS! HERE, YOU CAN HAVE THIS!!
THANK YOU FOR STAYING WITH HER!
THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!

THANKS!
AHH!!
SENRI!
AH-
I FOUND HER! MOM I FOUND SENRI!!
YOU DID!?
THANK GOODNESS, I WAS SO WORRIED!! DID YOU GET LOST SENRI?
HM? SENRI HOW DID YOU GET THAT HAIR BAND?
YEAH. I'M SORRY ...
I MET A GIRL AND...
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